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EXDIS - FOR CHARGE AT OPENING OF BUSINESS MARCH 7

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN BALANCE OF PAYMENTS RELIEF

REFERENCE: STATE 52899; CAIRO 2976

1. APPRECIATE FOLLOW UP TO REFTEL A BEING MADE BY EMBASSY. REQUEST STATUS REPORT ON WHERE THESE MATTERS STAND BY COB MARCH 8 IN PREPARATION FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S DEPARTURE MARCH 9.

2. WHILE WE APPRECIATE FAHMY'S DESIRE TO MAKE THE EGYPTIAN PRESENTATION TO FOREIGN AMBASSADORS IN HIS ROLE AS FOREIGN MINISTER, WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF HE HAS WITH HIM WHEN MAKING THAT PRESENTATION SOMEONE FROM THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER ANY FINANCIAL DATA QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT ARISE. IF SHAFAI HIMSELF IS NOT ABLE TO BE PRESENT, PERHAPS HIS DEPUTY GHANDOUR COULD BE COOPTED FOR THIS PURPOSE. ;OTH SHAFAI AND GHANDOUR ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE FINANCIAL
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ISSUES INVOLVED AND COULD BY THEIR PRESENCE MAKE FAHMY'S APPROACH THAT MUCH MORE MEANINGFUL. YOU SHOULD APPROACH

FAHMYTO APPRISE HIM OF OUR SUGGESTION IN THIS REGARD.
YOU WILL APPRECIATE NEED TO DO SO WITH MAXIMUM TACT, PER-

HAPS PUTTING IT IN TERMS OF A THOUGHT WHICH HAS OCCURRED
TO US AND WE WONDER IF IT HAD ALSO OCCURRED TO FAHMY,
SINCE MINISTRY OF COOPERATION OFFICIALS HAVE BENEFIT OF
DETAILED BACKGROUND BASED ON THEIR PARTICIPATION IN TALKS
ON THESE MATTER DURING ROBINSON'S RECENT VISIT TO CAIRO.
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